21. A protease inhibitor according to Claim 5 represented by the following structure:

wherein  $R_i$  is a radical selected from the group consisting of carbobenzyloxy-valine-, carbobenzyloxy-glycine-valine-, carbobenzyloxy-alamine-valine-, carbobenzyloxy-leucine-valine-, carbobenzyloxy-phenylalanine-valine-, carbobenzyloxy-serine-valine-, carbobenzyloxy-threonine-valine-, carbobenzyloxy-valine-valine- and carbobenzyloxy-alanine-asparagine-.

22. A protease inhibitor according to claim 21 represented by the following structure:

## **REMARKS**

Entry of the above amendments are respectfully requested. New claims 6-22 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-22 are now pending. No new matter has been added.

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